OIPE IAP86
MAR 14 2006
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.			
Typed or Printed Name	Maria J. Sousa		
Signature	Maria J. Sousa	Date	3/10/2006

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116		
Address to: Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	GUID-101CON4 (formerly 032697-36) 2180
	First Named Inventor	Spence
	Application Number	10/683,797
	Filing Date	10/10/2003
	Group Art Unit	3731
	Examiner Name	Jackson, Gary
	Title	Means and Method for Performing an Anastomosis

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 13, 2006 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before April 13, 2006. This response is being filed within the two month response period ending on March 13, 2006. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the amendments set forth below raise no new issues. Rather, the amendments place the claims in form for allowance or in better form for appeal. Entry of these amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Entered
7-12-06

03/15/2006 MBIZUNES 00000030 10683797

01 FC:1202 100.00 OP
02 FC:1201 200.00 OP